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APPLICANT:

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FILTER ASSEMBLY FOR AN EXHAUST GAS PURIFICATION SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR REFUND OF OFFICIAL FILING FEE

ATTN: REFUND SECTION, ACCOUNTING DEPT., OFFICE OF FINANCE Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

On July 19, 2001, this application was filed together with a check for \$710.00 for a Large Entity. It has now come to the attention of the undersigned, that the assignee is a "Small Entity", (fewer than 500 employees). Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the official filing fee of \$710.00 be reduced 50% and would now appreciate having \$355.00 credited to his Deposit Account No. 03-2468. A duplicate copy of this document is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on August 20, 2001 J. Dr. Herden